It's National FFA WEEK!

THE NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION BY FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FEBRUARY 18-25, 1978 DURING THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Senior Chapter - FFA Officers

The officers of the Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter this year are (left to right): Christropher Johnson, treasurer; Dale Garrett, reporter; David Stratton, 2nd vice president; Robert Dyess, president; Gary Tanner, 1st vice president; Richard Jones, historian; Donald Parris, secretary (2nd row, left to right) Craig Smith, sentinel; Phil Paulette, executive committee chairman; and Ronnie Harris, Mark Paulette and Dennis Stratton make up the executive committee.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK IS FEBRUARY 18 - 25

Members of the Appomattox Chapters join with over 500,000 other FFA members in the United States in celebrating National FFA WEEK which starts February 18. This is also the beginning of the 50th Anniversary for FFA.

Throughout the WEEK the state's 195 chapters are planning activities to support the theme FFA at 50 "A GOLDEN PAST - A brighter future."

The traditions of FFA have held strong and produced a mighty work force for food and fiber to meet the needs of our nation and the world. Successful agricultural leaders of today are the testimony. The 50-year success story is the story of Learning By Doing.

National FFA WEEK always includes George Washington's birthday in observance of his leadership in promoting scientific farming practices. Washington is considered the patron saint of the FFA and has come to symbolize the FFA Treasurer.

According to President Robert Dyess the Appomattox Chapters will distribute litter bags, bumper stickers, and pens to students. Place mats will be given to resturants in the area. A bill board will be placed on Rt. 460 near Appomattox. A radio show will be presented on WTTX radio station. Spot announcements will be shown on WSET TV station. Bulletin boards will be put up in Appomattox County High School and in local businesses. Displays will also be set up in businesses in the area, along with "We support FFA activities" stickers.

Organized in 1928, the FFA promotes leadership, cooperation and citizenship among high school vocational agriculture students. The FFA Foundation awards program provides chapter, state and national recognition for supervised programs of agricultural production, marketing, processing and service.

Junior Chapter - FFA Officers

Appomattox Junior FFA Chapter Officers - front row, left to right, Phillip Mobley, chapter chaplain; Ken Caldwell, executive committee member; Rhonda McCormick, chapter secretary. Second row, Bruce Saunders, chapter treasurer. Third row, left to right, Doug Powell, chapter reporter; Tyrone Bell, executive committee member. Fourth row, left to right, Robert Coleman, chapter president; Mike Seamster, chapter vice-president.

Officers not shown are Mike Shupe, chapter historian; Noel Robinson, chapter sentinel; Vicky Cheatham, executive committee member and Tommy Smith, executive committee member.

Learning to do, Doing to learn, Earning to live, Living to serve.

LEARNING FROM THE PAST

America's agriculture has a rich heritage that is the backbone of our Nation's history. The desire for an adequate amount of good food has always been paramount among the people.

Thus eame the program of vocational agricultural education. Agricultural education was brought into the classrooms of America's high schools. A way to educate, motivate, present new techniques to the young men in farming.

But no one was willing to completely relinquish the time-proven method of "let a kid do it —under the watchful eye of an adult—and he'll learn from his experience." So shortly came an organization—The Future Farmers of America—providing educational opportunity beyond the classroom.

For the 500,000 future farmers, future ranchers, future agribusinessmen currently enrolled in the vo-ag FFA program, the Learning By Doing principle is still used.

There have been some drastic changes though in agriculture's classrooms. More than text books and a little room in the back of the school, vo-ag goes out into the local agricultural community, onto the farms, into the laboratory or greenhouse, in the dirt and among the animals, on the machines.

Like the basic industry of agriculture, vo-ag also has a rich heritage. The program has trained millions of young men and women for careers in agriculture. That heritage will continue in the 8,500 vocational agricultural classrooms in America.

OUR CHAPTER IS INVOLVED IN MANY ACTIVITIES to improve our community. These activities are part of a program known as the Building Our American Communities (BOAC). As part of this program our chapter has developed and built two recreational parks, planted shrubs and trees as pictured above, and we are presently developing and building a nature trail in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service.

FFA at 50

the FFA Organization

LEARNING

Learning by doing is a basic principle behind the vocational agricultural education program. FFA encourages that principle. And gives the student-member a chance for GROWTH.

SALUTING FFA DURING NATIONAL FFA WEEK

WORKING HARD TO BECOME A GOOD OFFICER as early as this summer was Noel Robinson, chapter sentinel, by attending state leadership school.

Bruce Saunders, not shown here, attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

THE KEY TO SUCCESS

For FFA members the key to their success in life is vocational agricultural education. This sound program is headed by the local vo-ag instructor — chapter advisor. The program prepares the student-member for tomorrow's agriculture.

SALUTING FFA
IT'S NATIONAL FFA WEEK

50 GOLDEN YEARS

Salute Our Future Farmers of America

F.F.A. is an organization representing vocational agricultural students in our nation's high schools. Members learn fascinating methods and apply them in cooperative projects to improve agriculture. Every chapter is taught how to demonstrate rural and community leadership.

A GOLDEN PAST
A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Early founders of the Future Farmers of America in 1928 brought forth a new idea that was sure to strengthen vocational agricultural education. It was an organization where students could apply what they learned in the classroom to their own farming experiences and to their own lives. The Learning By Doing principle.

That sound principle has been the foundation for a 50-year success story. Millions of young men and women have studied vocational agriculture and participated in FFA since the beginning. Their agricareers were ignited by the program.

That principle of Learning By Doing is still working. The founding ideals and basic concepts of FFA and vo-ag have never really changed. But there have been new faces, new colors, new ideas, new people, new techniques and a new agriculture.

This national organization of students, over 500,000 now as compared to under 30,000 in 1928, is made up of high school students who have an objective to be a part of American agriculture. They recognize how far agriculture has come in 50 years. And they appreciate what it was like in the past. They can look back . . . "achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists. . ."

They recognize, too, how far they can go and how great the future is. Yet they appreciate what they've got to do to prepare for it.

It is in preparing young people for the variety of roles in the future of America's agriculture that vocational agriculture and FFA excels. Key to the preparation process is the local vo-ag instructor-chapter advisor.

A vo-ag instructor who took the class out to a turf farm for a look-see into a new career field. An ag teacher who cares and equips his classroom with the very latest teaching tools. A good sport who served as umpire in the ballgame at leadership camp. A friend who encouraged dad and son to form a partnership.

The chapter advisor who led the hoof team through a practice session in the orchard. The patient advisor who helped the Greenhands learn how to carry out their pork beautification project. The helpful advisor who "let" the members set up a corn test plot.

Then, too, the proud advisor sitting unrecognized in the crowd as a member gives a speech, serves as chairman or gets an award.

Thus, the tried and proven Learning By Doing principle, effectively put into practice by instructors in 8,000 high schools, moves FFA and vo-ag ahead. Just new faces, new ideas, new techniques, new people.

And the National Organization of FFA will thrive another 50 years.

ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation Meeting - Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, the grower organization which administers the price support program for flue-cured tobacco, will hold its 20th annual district meeting for Virginia growers in South Boston, Va. Roy B. Davis, Jr., of South Boston, vice-president and Director for Virginia, and Fred G. Bond, General Manager, jointly announced that the meeting will be held in the American Legion Building on March 1, beginning at 2 p.m.

The CO-OP's operational report for the calendar year will be given. Stabilization's stocks totaled 585 million pounds as of January 1, 1978, Davis noted that on January 1, 1977, Stabilization held 608 million pounds of tobacco in inventory. He further added that Stabilization's sales for calendar year 1977 totaled 219 million pounds, which was up considerably over the sales activity of 1975 and 1976 which totaled less than 28 million pounds, as a result of the larger than anticipated volume of tobacco handled from the 1977 crop.

In addition to Stabilization's report, reports will be given by representatives of Tobacco Associates, Inc.; Tobacco Growers' Information Committee; USDA-AMS Inspection (Grading) Service; and other allied organizaitons and agencies. Ample time will be provided for discussion.

A brief business session will be held for the election of Stabilization's Advisory Committee members for the coming year. Also, the election of the director to represent District #10 members on Stabilization's Board for the ensuing 3-year term will be held during the business session.

Davis added, "Flue-cured growers are urged to make every effort to attend Stabilization's meeting in order to get a better understanding of the Cooperative's operations.

Flue-Cured Tobacco Designation - The initial designation period for flue-cured tobacco will begin on March 6 this year and it will run for five weeks. As in past years, producers will again this year need to come by the ASCS office during the designation period to designate which warehouses they will market their tobacco at and how many pounds will be marketed at each warehouse.

Since Spring leasing is now in effect for flue-cured tobacco, I would suggest that if you are going to lease to or from your farm, to take care of the leasing agreement before the designation period starts. If you are able to do this it will make the designaiton process easier on everyone involved.

Fire and Sun-Cured Tobacco - Now that the markets have closed, producers are asked to return their marketing cards to the ASCS office just as soon as possible. Most of the marketing cards have already been returned, but there are still about 65 cards that have not and these cards will need to be returned before the 1978 allotment notice for the farm can be mailed out. At this time we are in the process of preparing 1978 allotment notices and producers should receive them soon. The 1978 allotment for farms will remain unchanged from the 1977 allotment. After the allotment notices are received, you are free to begin leasing agreements for the 1978 crop. The leasing period will run until June 1, 1978.

NCA Crops - In the very near future, farmers who reported NCA crop plantings for 1977 will receive a notice giving them their established NCA for 1978 will receive a notice giving them their established NCA for 1978. This means that farmers who planted any wheat, corn, barley, grain sorghum, rye, oats, and soybeans will receive the notice. Farmers who did not report any of the above crops, but reported just hay or pasture land on their farm will not receive a notice. Farmers who did not report anything at all for their farm will receive the notice with an NCA base of zero for the farm. Farmers who do not believe their NCA for 1978 is normal for their farm will have a right to appeal. On March 1, 1978 the set-aside sign-up will begin. The sign-up will run through May 1, 1978. Farmers who sign-up must stay within their NCA Base on farms with a set-aside crop. This means that plantings for 1978 plus set-aside must not exceed the NCA Base. Farmers who comply will be eligible for disaster benefits, deficiency payments, and price support loans. The set-aside crops this year will be wheat (20%), corn, barley, and grain sorghum (10%). If you have questions on the set-aside program please write or stop by the office.

CHESTNUT GROVE

FEB. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Cook, of Rice, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Harris were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger of Dillwyn. Sunday afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of Farmville.

Esthel Proffitt of Ferrum College, was home for the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Proffitt.

Dianne Moore, of Prospect, spent the week end with Cindy Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glover and Dale, of Hixburg, were Sunday night visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Beulah Morris were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris.

Kathi Morris had two of her girl friends spend the week end Debra Taylor and Amy Alvis.

The Young Adult Class of The Chestnut Grove Baptist Church and their families had a Valentine supper at church Sunday night.

Kenneth and Randy Cook, of Prospect, Charles Wayne Cook of Richmond, spent the week end in the W. T. Cook home. Edward T. Cook came for the boys and ate lunch.

The regular W.M.U. Meeting will be in the home of Mrs. W. T. Cook Fri., Feb. 17, at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen L. Rickmond, of Cumberland, were Saturday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. Whorley were recent visitors from Buckingham in the same home.

Mrs. T. N. Saul spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore, Jr. at Appomattox.

Billy Morris, of Richmond, was Thursday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Morris.

Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris and Nancy Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland J. MOrris Sunday.

Aaron Dudley, of Buckingham, was Saturday dinner guest in the A. N. Morris home.

Mrs. Don Morris was hostess to the Homemakers Club Monday with seven members present and one visitor.

Mrs. Knight's 4-H Meeting

Mrs. Knight's 4th Grade Class had their 4-H meeting Feb. 15, 1978. Janet Smith led us in the 4-H Pledge. Alex Almond led us in the American Pledge. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Walton taught us a metric song called "Meters, Liters' and Grams". This month's program was called "Metric Madness." We saw some things on metrics and we talked about them. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Walton and Miss Hudson changed their names to:

Mrs. Smith - Lily Liter
Mrs. Walton - Granny Gram

Miss Hudson - Milly Meter

We learned the meaning of a meter, gram and liter. She left us some metric puzzles and pamphlets and a recipe for "Chewy Charlies". Mrs. Smith told us about a blue bird house for $1.00. If you want one bring your dollar by Feb. 21st.

Shelia Mullins, Reporter

MRS. TURNER'S 6TH GRADE 4-H CLUB

Mrs. Turner's 6th grade 4-H Club met Feb. 13, 1978. President, Jay Chenault, opened the meeting by electing Ricky Garrison and Tony Chandler to say the American and 4-H pledges.

We talked about the metric system.

Miss Hudson showed us a good demonstration by making some delicious cookies.

Mrs. Smith led us in a song and showed us the countries which used metic system now. Mrs. Walton took over next and talked about a favorite of everyone, 4-H Camp. Then the president adjourned the meeting.

Harold Vassar, Reporter

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